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The 13th annual Rusk County Family and Consumer Sciences Fair and Fruit and Vegetable Show was held July 22nd- July 24th, with forty-eight entries among the nine divisions. Both youth and adults participated in the event.

The following are the division winners: Adult Division - Canning Division - Kathy Ballow - Grand Champion - Class 3 - Jellies - “Dewberry Jelly”, Martha Bundrick - Reserve Champion - Class 5 - Relishes/Pickles - “Pickled Carrots”, Betty Honea - Achievement Award - Class 5 - Relishes/Pickles - “Corn Relish”. Adult Craft Division - Kathy Ballow - Grand Champion - Class 9 Misc. Tabletop Centerpiece, Joyce Pollick - Reserve Champion - Class 12 Afghan, Barbara Vinson - Class 9 Misc Etched Artwork on Copper - Achievement Award; Youth Craft Division - Grand Champion - Brandelyn Cochran - Class 9 - Miscellaneous - Placement, Coaster, and Silverware Holder, Reserve Champion - Amelie White - Decorative Painting on Wood, Megan McKey - Class 14 - Ceramics - Vase, Achievement Award; Quilt Division - Grand Champion - Deannie Pollick - Class 12 - “Imagination” Quilt, Reserve Champion - Joyce Pollick - Class 12 - “Butterflies”, Achievement Award - Deannie Pollick - Class 12 “Fly Away”; Youth Art Division - Grand Champion - Megan McKey, Reserve Champion - Megan McKey, Achievement Award - Megan McKey. Photography Division - Adult Grand Champion - Cathy McKey, Reserve Champion - Barbara Vinson. Youth Fruit & Vegetable Show Division - Grand Champion - Hannah Jane Parrott - Figs, Reserve Champion - Hannah Jane Parrott - Pears; Adult Horticulture - Grand Champion - Virginia Gage; Reserve Champion Virginia Gage; Youth Woodworking Division - Kaylee White - Grand Champion - Pink Birdhouse, Andrew White - Reserve Champion - Green Birdhouse; Adult Foods Division - Wanda White - Grand Champion - Chocolate Covered Cherries; Wanda White - Reserve Champion - Doubly Chocolate Cookies. Best of the Entire 2015 Show - Joyce Pollick - Quilt Division - “Imagination”.

Ball Fresh Preserving Awards are sponsored and awarded each year for outstanding entries in the canning division by the makers of the Ball canning supplies. The following participants received the Fresh Preserving Awards: Adult Division - Canning Division - Kathy Ballow - Grand Champion - Class 3 - Jellies - “Dewberry Jelly”, Martha Bundrick - Reserve Champion - Class 5 - Relishes/Pickles - “Pickled Carrots”, Betty Honea - Achievement Award - Class 5 - Relishes/Pickles - “Corn Relish”; Youth Division - Canning- Hannah Jane Parrott - Blue Ribbon - Class 4 - Preserve, Jams, Butters - “Fig Preserves”

The first annual Rusk County FCS Fair was held thirteen years ago in June, and was organized in response to the request of county citizens to have a “home economics” fair in which to exhibit quilts, canning, and other related creative arts. The following year the fair expanded to include a Fruit and Vegetable Show which was organized in response to the request of county citizens to have an avenue in which to enter locally grown produce for competition. Today, the fair exists in the spirit of good sportsmanship, fellowship, and fun. Congratulations to the exhibitors! The Rusk County FCS Fair and Fruit and Vegetable Show is sponsored by the Rusk County FCS Committee and the entry fee goes toward Rusk County Extension Education Youth Scholarship Program.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.



Award Winners of 2015 Rusk County FCS Fair / Fruit & Vegetable Show

Back Row L-R: Barbara Vinson, Kathy Ballow, Betty Honea, Wanda White, Virginia Gage, Deannie Pollick, Cathy McKey, Kendra White and son

Middle Row L-R: Megan McKey, Hannah Jane Parrott, Brandelyn Cochran

Front Row L-R: Andrew White, Kaylee White, Amelie White